GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MISSILE STOCK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the self life of surface-to-air missiles in the Indian Inventory is about 15 years;

(b) if so, the quantity of missile stock which is older than 15 years;

(c) the reasons for delay in its replacement; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to refurbish the old stock of missiles in all the three services?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The shelf life of Indian Inventory of missiles is in the range of 06 to 21 Years.

(b) & (c): The replacement of surface to air missiles is an on going process and it would not be in the interest of national security to disclose further details.

(d) Refurbishment of old stock of missiles in the three Services is carried out as per requirements.